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## Alumni News

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# Save the date!

## Homecoming 2009

### October 16-17

Celebrating the classes of 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1999, as well as education majors of all ages.

Remember your college days? Isn't it time that you revisited your alma mater and relived those memories? Call up your college friends and make plans to attend Linfield's Homecoming. Come see how the campus has changed and how much of what you remember remains the same. Take a stroll down memory lane, and we hope that lane leads you to Linfield.

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## Find your Facebook group

Linfield's Facebook community is exploding. Make the most of your Linfield network by joining your classmates online. Find the groups that fit your interests – alumni, Portland Campus community, international chapter; regional groups for alumni living in the Bay Area, Bend, Los Angeles and Seattle; and reunion groups for the classes of 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2000. Join the fun at [www.support.linfield.edu/facebook](http://www.support.linfield.edu/facebook)

## Class spirit, attendance honored

Classmates from 1958 rallied together to win two new alumni awards. The class of 1958 won both the Class Spirit award, recognizing the class with the highest percentage of giving during 2008, and the

Class Act award for having the highest attendance at Homecoming. Special recognition goes to the class of 1988, which donated the most money. Ignite your own class and be one of next year's winners.

## Network with Portland Wildcats

Expand your professional network, Wildcat style. Join the Linfield Professionals Network, organized by Sabrina (Hendricks) Park '97, founder and owner of Intrinsic Design, a full service interior design firm in NW Portland. Interested professionals will gather monthly for a social hour hosted by Portland-area alumni. Bring your business cards and come prepared to promote yourself or your business while socializing with fellow Wildcats.

The first gathering will be held Thursday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at Intrinsic Design. To learn more

or to host a future gathering, visit [www.support.linfield.edu/network](http://www.support.linfield.edu/network).

## Nominate a winner

Linfield is brimming with over-achievers. You know the type – committed, hardworking, innovative and generous. Nominate your favorite over-achiever for a Linfield alumni award. Presentations will be made at Homecoming 2009. Honors include Alumni Service Award, Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award, Walker Service Award, Outstanding Young Alumna/Alumnus Award and Lloydena Grimes Award for Excellence in Nursing.

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## Pencil us in

### Palm Springs luncheon

March 16, 11:30 a.m.

Join President Thomas L. Hellie and Linfield alumni, parents and friends for lunch at the home of Lloyd Swenson, former professor of economics.

### Easter egg hunt

April 11, 10 a.m.

Bring your children or grandchildren to the Oak Grove for an egg hunt.

### Bay Area alumni BBQ

April 18, 2 p.m.

Join Linfield friends for a barbecue hosted by Phil Judson '65.

### 50-year Club luncheon

May 6, 11 a.m., Jonasson Hall

Celebrate with alumni who graduated from Linfield 50 years ago or more.

### Bellingham reception

May 17, 3 p.m.

Bellwether Hotel

Join us for a reception for Linfield

alumni hosted by Fred and Anne (Moore) Wicknick '79 and '81.

### Oregon Shakespeare Festival

July 30 - Aug. 2

See five productions and gain insights during pre-show discussions by Ken Ericksen, professor of English.

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# Linfield alumni are everywhere



My family just returned from a trip to the San Diego area, where it became clear to me that Linfield alumni truly are everywhere. On the day of our departure, right after we boarded a shuttle to the Portland terminal, another early morning traveler spied my husband's Linfield sweatshirt and asked him if he had attended Linfield. My husband, an Oregon Stater (yes, I married outside the faith), gave his usual reply, "I didn't, but my wife did." The passenger told me that he graduated in the mid-1990s and played football for both

Ad Rutschman '54 and Ed Langsdorf. Later that day, as we toured the Midway maritime museum, we heard the greeting "Go Cats" and chatted with an alumnus who graduated in the mid-1980s. Three days later, midway through our return trip, a flight attendant eyed my husband's gear and asked, "Did you attend Linfield?" Turns out our flight attendant was an alumnus from the mid-1970s, and though he studied the sciences, spent much of his time in the theatre. This trip was proof for me that either the world is very small or our alumni network is very large – perhaps a bit of both. My husband may not wear that sweatshirt on our next trip, but you can bet I'll be wearing one. Say hello if you see me – I love catching up with alumni. It's your Linfield – wear it proudly wherever you are.

– Debbie (Hansen) Harmon '90

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